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THE ONE-HUNDREDTH ANNIVERSARY OF THE UNITED STATES COAST AND GEODETIC SURVEY

ACCOUNT OF THE CELEBRATION

IN eighteen hundred and sixteen the United States Coast Survey was organized under Mr. Ferdinand Rudolph Hassler, as superintendent, and field work was begun.

This event was fittingly celebrated in Washington on the fifth and sixth of April last by public meetings in the auditorium of the New National Museum at Washington at which papers were presented by representative men in the fields of science, engineering, commerce, government and military affairs.

The celebration closed with a banquet at the New Willard Hotel, the evening of the sixth, at which the President of the United States was the principal speaker. The other banquet addresses were by the Secretary of the Navy, the Secretary of Commerce, the minister of Switzerland, and former superintendent of the Survey, Dr. T. C. Mendenhall.

The superintendent of the Survey, Mr. E. Lester Jones, presided at the banquet and at the three public sessions at the museum. He opened the session with well-chosen remarks and was followed by Mr. Redfield, Secretary of Commerce, the department of which the Survey is a bureau. Mr. Redfield paid a tribute to the valuable work done by the members of the Survey during the hundred years of its existence. He made a plea for support from the public and from Congress in order that the Survey might greatly extend its usefulness to the science, industries, commerce and defense of the nation.